

2 Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Body of Oakhurst Primary School, Swindon

September 2021

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Oakhurst Primary School Governing Body are:

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
- 2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;**
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

Governance arrangements

The Governing Body is made up of:

- 1 Staff Governor
- 2 Parent Governors
- 1 LA Governor
- 10 Co-Opted Governors
- Head Teacher

Details of our committee structure can be found within our Scheme of Delegation which is on the school website.

Attendance record of governors

Governors have good attendance at meetings. See below for details of individual governors' attendance at meetings.

The work that we have done on our committees and in the Governing Body

Our Resources Committee has continued to review and recommend for approval the rolling three year financial plan and annual school budget. The monitoring of income and expenditure has continued regularly throughout the year. The review and submission of the schools SFVS is also a responsibility of the Resources Committee.

The Full Governing Board and the Resources Committee have been responsible for reviewing all school policies and procedures where applicable.

The Full Governing Board has continued to review School performance data relating to the progress and attainment of pupils. Governors have reviewed progress against the School Improvement Plan and reported back to the Full Governing Board.

The Governing Board has worked with the Headteacher to review staff wellbeing.

	Both the committee and board have continued to meet regularly throughout the year, despite the difficulties raised by the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Future plans for the governors	Continue to build on the work done in previous years and continue to provide the school with the support needed during a very difficult and unusual period of time during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
How you can contact the Governing Body	We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas from parents – please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office. You can also find some information on the governor section of the school website.

Oakhurst Primary School Governing Body

Governor name and Chair positions	Chair positions	Type of Governor	Date appointed to
Dougall Prophet		LA Governor	31/01/2024
Vacancy		Parent Governor	
Jason Walsh		Parent Governor	15/04/2025
Cerys Howard		Co-opted Governor	24/01/2022
Jenny Lowe		Co-opted Governor	16/07/2023
Rani Ajmera		Co-opted Governor	23/06/2025
Vacancy		Co-opted Governor	
Elizabeth Fewings		Co-opted Governor	23/09/2023
Vacancy		Co-opted Governor	
Stephanie Williams-Blackwell	Vice Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor	04/10/2021
Vacancy		Co-opted Governor	
Faye Fleming	Chair of Resources, Staffing and Premises Committee	Co-opted Governor	24/01/2022
Vacancy		Co-opted Governor	
Elizabeth Christopher		Head Teacher	Ex Officio
Victoria Heywood		Staff Governor	03/02/2023

Governors who have resigned in the last 12 months:

Nick Coleman – December 2020

Paul Strange – February 2021

Denise Barkham – February 2021

Sheila Morley – January 2021

Gisela Tebbut – April 2021

Philip Corcoran- July 2021

Oakhurst Primary School Governors' Attendance Record for 2020-21

*Number of meetings varies with joining/leaving dates

Governor	Full Governing Body	Resources, Staffing and Premises Committee
Dougall Prophet	2 of 8	N/A
Phillip Corcoran	8 of 8	4 of 4
Cerys Howard	6 of 8	N/A
Jenny Lowe	7 of 8	N/A
Paul Strange	2 of 2*	N/A
Gisela Tebbutt	5 of 5*	3 of 3*
Elizabeth Fewings	8 of 8	4 of 4
Nick Coleman	2 of 2*	2 of 2*
Stephanie Williams-Blackwell	7 of 8	N/A
Sheila Morley	0 of 2*	0 of 2*
Faye Fleming	8 of 8	4 of 4
Denise Barkham	2 of 2	4 of 4
Elizabeth Christopher	8 of 8	4 of 4
Victoria Heywood	8 of 8	N/A
Jason Walsh	1 of 2*	N/A
Rani Ajmera	1 of 1*	N/A